

FY24 Capital Budget and supplemental appropriations to the FY23 Capital Budget and amendments to the FY23-28 CIP

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My name is Ann Oliveri. My husband Bill and I live in West Friendship. Our home is surrounded on three sides by the Willard Avenue Neighborhood Park.

We want to express our appreciation for your approach of listing capital improvement projects by line item, especially those relating to the Parks department. It provides a welcome level of **transparency** lacking in most of our dealings with them.

To be fair we also want to commend the Parks Department for their willingness to **experiment** with a Linear Park planned for the Little Falls Parkway.

We hope that they will include a temporary dog park at this test site to better evaluate the impact of a dog park on a residential neighborhood and develop a set of **best practices** to guide future designs and locations.

Better a test site than spending a proposed **\$1.2+ million** on a dog park in the Willard Avenue Neighborhood Park, a cost partially due to a storm water and sewage handling system needed to avoid further pollution of the Little Falls Run watershed.

So thumbs up to the Parks Department for experimentation and best practices and to you for the transparency of your process and oversight.